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NORTH
No. 206 K. C. Passenger..... 8:15 a. m.
No. 206 K. C. & St. Louis Passenger..... 1:30 p. m.
No. 210 K. C. & St. Louis Passenger..... 8:00 p. m.

SOUTH
No. 201 Joplin Passenger..... 3:30 a. m.
No. 207 Joplin Passenger..... 1:10 p. m.
No. 205 Nevada Passenger..... 8:00 p. m.

INTERSTATE (Arrive)
No. 600 Butler Passenger..... 10:35 a. m.
No. 604 Local Freight..... 4:15 p. m.

WEST (Leave)
No. 602 Madison Local..... 7:35 a. m.
No. 607 Madison Passenger..... 1:30 p. m.
All freight for forwarding must be at depot not later than 10:30 o'clock a. m. or will be held for following day's forwarding. Freight for Interstate Division must be delivered before 5 o'clock p. m. No freight billed for this train in morning.
Madison and local freights carry passengers.

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Agent.

Goin' Some.

Speaking of traveling Joe Nikrent, driving a Buick six, recently drove from Los Angeles, California, to San Francisco, a distance of 457 miles in ten hours and forty-seven minutes. Notwithstanding a dense fog for an average of more than forty-two miles an hour was made, beating the time of the Southern Pacific's fast train by three hours.

PRESIDENT CALLS ALL STATE MILITIA

Entire National Guard Ordered
Into Patrol Service Under
Gen. Funston.

AMERICAN CONSULATE STONED

Special Representative Rodgers Files
Protest Against Mob—Sinaloa Declares War Against U. S.

Washington, June 20.—Upon General Carranza's reception of a stern refusal to heed his demands for recall of American troops from Mexico hinges the question of a Mexican war, in the opinion of President Wilson's close advisers. They were prepared tonight for the possibility of open hostility after the note, which will be sent forward tomorrow, has reached Carranza's hands.

No indication has come that the first chief's attitude of implacable hostility would be shaken by the reiterated declaration of the latest communication that the United States has no aggressive or warlike purpose toward Mexico, but is firmly resolved to protect American borders and end brigandage in the border states.

Twenty-Four Warships Off Mexico.
Washington, June 20.—Coincident with the report that a party of American bluejackets from the United States gunboat Annapolis had exchanged shots with Carranzistas at Mazatlan, it became known that no fewer than twenty-four American warships are en route for or actually in Mexican waters. The clash at Mazatlan was reported to the Navy Department today by Rear Admiral Winslow.

Depends on Carranza.
The City of Mexico, June 20.—The streets and public squares of the capital were thronged all afternoon with patriotic paraders, who marched to the various public offices, led by bands and carrying the national emblem as evidence of their willingness to defend the country's honor in case of war.

More than ten thousand persons gathered in the great square. They were addressed by General Carranza, who told the throngs that Mexico was not seeking war, but would not avoid it at the cost of national dignity.

Stoned the United States Consulate.
"Mexico," said General Carranza, "will not declare war on the United States, but will know how to do her duty if hostilities are forced upon her."

In the demonstrations today the American consulate was stoned. The stoning occurred while Vice-Consul Rowe was in the building and only ten minutes after the special representative, Mr. Rodgers, had left the place. Mr. Rodgers tonight protested against the stoning.

Sinaloa Declares War.
San Diego, Cal., June 20.—An ultimatum amounting practically to a declaration of war against the United States was served Sunday on Commander Arthur G. Kavanaugh of the gunboat Annapolis by General Flores, Carranza governor of the state of Sinaloa, according to a radiogram sent from the Annapolis at Mazatlan and received here today by Admiral Winslow, commander-in-chief of the Pacific fleet.

Flores has taken a hostile stand against Americans and it was his refusal to permit Americans to leave Mazatlan that resulted in the clash Sunday between bluejackets of the Annapolis and Mexicans characterized as Carranza soldiers. The exact substance of his ultimatum has not yet been received.

State Militia Ordered Out.
Washington, June 19.—President Wilson has called out the militia of every state for service on the Mexican border.

Virtually the entire mobile strength of the national guard of all states and the District of Columbia was ordered mustered into the federal service tonight.

About one hundred thousand men are expected to respond to the call. They will be mobilized immediately for such service on the Mexican border as later may be assigned to them.

Gen. Frederick Funston, commanding the border forces, will designate the time and place for movements of guardsmen to the international line as the occasion shall require.

Only to Guard the Border.
In announcing the orders, Secretary Baker said the state forces would be employed only to guard the border and that no additional troop movements into Mexico were contemplated, except in pursuit of raiders.

Simultaneously with the national guard call, Secretary Daniels of the

An Earthquake in Central Italy.
Rome, June 17.—A heavy earthquake was reported at 3:25 o'clock this morning at Forlì in Central Italy, having a population of fifty thousand, and at Rimini, a town with the same number of persons, twenty-eight miles further east. There were no casualties.

Forest Fire in British Columbia.
Whistler, Manitoba, June 17.—A forest fire is sweeping the timber lands near Fort St. John, British Columbia, on Crown West Park today. Fanned by a high wind, it is reported spreading

Navy Department ordered additional war vessels to Mexican waters on both coasts to safeguard American lives. At the War, Navy and State departments it was stated that no new advice as to the situation in Mexico had come to precipitate the new orders.

Troops Clash in Mexico.
Within the last two weeks, however, tension has been increasing steadily. The crisis presented by General Carranza's note demanding the recall of General Pershing's expeditionary force has been followed by a virtual ultimatum served on the American officers by General Trevino, the Mexican commander in Chihuahua. To this was added yesterday the possibility that American and Mexican troops had clashed across the border from San Benito, Tex.

Near Intervention, the Belief.
Although the purpose of the action as set forth in the formal call is for the protection of the American frontier from invasion, the opinion prevailing throughout Washington tonight is that it marks the first step of intervention in Mexico. For more than three years President Wilson has exhausted every other expedient practically in an effort to avoid such a step.

Washington is the scene of intense excitement. The War Department was lighted up tonight from the basement to the roof. The action is understood to have been precipitated by a dispatch from General Funston predicting trouble all along the Rio Grande in an effort on the part of the Mexicans to force the Americans to withdraw from Mexican soil.

A PUZZLE TO CONGRESSMEN

New Army Law Renews Perplexing
Question of Status of Members
of House.

Washington, June 20.—President Wilson's call for the national guard for border duty renewed today a perplexing question as to the status under the new army reorganization act of members of Congress who also are members of the national guard. A House subcommittee named several weeks ago to study the question has not made its report.

Precedents, it was said today, fail to make the situation clear. Representative Chipfield, who is judge advocate of the Illinois National Guard, expressed the opinion that a member of Congress if ordered to the front should resign from Congress. Speaker Clark recalled that Gen. John A. Logan resigned from Congress to serve in the Civil War, but that General Blair's resignation from Congress was pocketed by President Lincoln and never was accepted. Joseph A. Wheeler, a major general in the Spanish War, resumed his seat in Congress after the declaration of peace, but while serving with the colors drew no pay as a member.

Senator Wadsworth is a lieutenant in the New York National Guard cavalry, and in the absence of his captain in Europe, it was said today, would command his troop. Representative Tilton is a lieutenant in the Connecticut National Guard, Representative Crago is a lieutenant colonel of the Tenth Pennsylvania, and Representative Nicholls is a member of the South Carolina guard.

WATCHING MEXICAN MOVES

San Antonio, Tex., June 20.—While 100,000 members of the militia were being mobilized today, General Funston anxiously studied the border for any indication of hostilities on the part of Carranza's troops. No official report reached army headquarters here of any incident that appeared likely to disturb the delicately balanced relations between the soldiery of the two countries facing each other across the international line.

General Pershing's reports indicated that Gen. Jacinto Trevino's troops had not yet made any aggressive move and army officers believed it improbable that they would unless Trevino received special orders from the City of Mexico.

Such information as reached General Funston concerning the movements of Mexican troops, indicated the adoption of a plan not to maintain heavy garrisons at border points, but to hold the bulk of the border army some miles south of the Rio Grande.

FIRED ON AMERICAN FORCE

Brownsville, Tex., June 19.—Having accomplished its object, the dispersing of Mexican bandits who raided Texas ranches and attacked a detachment of the Twenty-sixth Infantry Friday night, east of San Benito, and upon promises of the Carranza commander at Matamoros that he would run down and punish the outlaws, the fourth American punitive expedition to enter Mexico was withdrawn today. There were no American casualties. Two bandits were killed and two wounded in a rear guard action when the Americans began to withdraw.

Launch a U. S. Transport.
Philadelphia, June 19.—The launching of the transport Henderson, the first to be built at the Philadelphia navy yard, was the principal feature of the annual navy day celebration here today.

Finds Demand for Big Navy.
Chicago, June 19.—Joseph Daniels, secretary of the navy, reached Chicago from St. Louis today and talked with emphasis on the need of a big navy. The country, he said, demands a bigger navy and army.

GENERAL NOTES

Since January first 61 persons have been killed in Philadelphia by automobiles.

William F. Kasting, postmaster of Buffalo, N. Y., dropped dead at the Maryland hotel in St. Louis Thursday. He was holding the proxy of Mayor L. P. Fuhrmann of Buffalo, a delegate to the democratic convention.

Four saloons of Altoona, Wis., will have to go out of business July 1, and their places will be taken by a municipally owned saloon. From the profits of this saloon the city plans to build a municipal water works.

The annual Pension Appropriation Bill, carrying \$158,065,000, passed the House Saturday without a roll call after a debate devoted to many subjects other than pensions. The total is 6 million dollars less than that of last year's bill.

Twenty-one hundred horses have been accepted at Belleville, Kas., by Maj. L. Siciliani, inspecting and purchasing agent for the Italian government. Purchases of horses have also been made at Belleville by the French and English governments.

Appointment of an associate justice of the supreme court to fill the vacancy caused by Justice Hughes probably will not be made before early fall, it was said at the department of justice Saturday. The court is in recess for the summer, so no reason exists for an early appointment.

Mrs. Cassie, colored, believed to be 120 years old, is dead at Princeton, Ind. She was born in Virginia and had no definite knowledge of her age, although she asserted she had two "good-sized" children at the outbreak of the war of 1812. Those who have conversed with her are convinced that she was about 120 years old.

William Mansfield, arrested recently in Kansas City, Kas., in connection with the murder of six members of the Moore family at Villisca, Ia., in 1912, was taken from the custody of the police by Judge McCamish of the District Court and placed in the county jail in default of \$10,000 bonds.

Eggs laid by Indiana hens are now being served right on the firing line in Northern France. Last week Houghland & Miller of Boonville, that state, shipped \$11,000 worth of eggs and butter to the Allied armies. The eggs were all hard boiled before they began their long journey.

Andrew Musial, a Grand Rapids, Mich., fisherman, is a great admirer of suckers—the fishy kind. The other day while busy with a rod and line in the Wisconsin River he pulled up one of these despised specimens, and when cleaning it found a valuable diamond ring.

L. J. D. Walker, a Mexican, and managing editor of the "El Progreso," a Mexican paper published in Laredo, Texas, was escorted to the Mexican line by a party of Americans and told not to return to the United States under penalty of death. Walker had published several editorials abusing the United States government.

The interstate commerce commission Saturday announced that the 187 principal railways of the United States earned \$396 net per mile during April, an increase from \$289 per mile during April, 1915. Total revenues for last April amounted to \$280,987,306; total operating expenses, \$189,923,465, leaving a net total income of \$91,063,841.

Figures compiled in army headquarters show that thirty American soldiers have been killed and more than one hundred wounded by Mexicans since Luis De La Rosa began his raids near Brownsville. The engagements have occurred between Brownsville and Naco, Ariz., and extended into Mexico. The list takes no account of civilian casualties.

Two American soldiers were killed and seven injured early Thursday when a band of 100 Mexican bandits attacked Troops I and M of the Fourteenth Cavalry, at St. Ignacio, Tex. The attack occurred at 2 o'clock. Six Mexicans were killed. St. Ignacio is in Zapata County, where de la Rosa's "advised" raid had been expected for more than a week. The county is populated almost entirely by Mexicans.

Butler High School Teachers for 1916-1917.

In no other respect has so great progress been made as in the qualifications of the teaching force.

Five years ago there were but two college graduates in the high school faculty. Next year every member of the faculty will be a graduate of a standard college, requiring four years of work beyond that of a high school.

Mr. A. Gorrell will be Principal of the High School and teacher of agriculture. He is a graduate of the Warrensburg Normal. This spring he graduated from the Teachers' College at the University of Missouri and received the degree of B. S. in education. He has already completed forty-six hours in technical agriculture. He is attending the University this summer and will probably complete the requirements in the School of Agriculture and receive the degree of B. S. in Agriculture. He will be the best trained man in the county in agriculture. He has had eight years of experience, the last two of which he was principal of the high school at California, Missouri.

Mr. S. E. Gibson will be assistant principal and assistant in English and Science. He has had no experience, but made a most excellent record in the training school at Central College. He has the A. B. degree from Central College. While attending the high school at Troy, Mo., he won the scholarship offered by Central College. While a student in the college he won honors in scholarship and won the prize for writing the best essay the past year.

Miss Dora B. Smith has had charge of the Teacher Training department in our high school for the past three years. I am glad to announce that she will return. She is ranked as one of the best and most successful teachers in the state in this line of work. She is a graduate of the Warrensburg State Normal from which institution she has the degree of M. Ed. She will this summer, if she attends, graduate from the University of Chicago and receive the degree of B. S. in Ed. She has had about ten years of experience.

Miss Laura C. Tinton will again have charge of the English department. She has had charge of this department for the past three years. She has the B. M. degree from Stephens College and the degrees of A. B. and B. S. in Education from the University of Missouri. Her return is an assurance that the work in this department will be effectively done.

Miss Maud Ficklin will again have charge of the mathematical department. She has the A. B. degree from Missouri Valley College. She is attending the university of Chicago this summer, taking courses in domestic science and methods of teaching algebra and geometry. These courses, will, no doubt, make her even more efficient than she was last year.

Miss Burney Rice, an A. B. graduate of Missouri Valley College, will teach Latin and German. She taught these subjects in the Glasgow High School for the past two years and made an excellent record. She is also attending the University of Chicago this summer.

Miss Helen Chastain will have charge of the history department. Miss Chastain has the A. B. and the B. S. in Education degrees from the State University. Miss Chastain taught history in the University High School the past year for her practice work. In both ability as a teacher and scholarship she is ranked as one of the strongest students in the University.

Miss Edna Hays, an A. B. graduate of the Kirksville Normal, will have charge of the commercial department. She has had four years of experience. For two years she taught in the Kahoka High School. She taught 4 months in the commercial department of the Kirksville Normal School and five months in the commercial department of the Kirksville High School. She is well fitted for this work both by training and experience.

Miss Nell Adams who is also an A. B. graduate of the Kirksville Normal will teach music and art in the High School and be supervisor of music and art in the grades. She has had five years of experience. For two years she taught in Minneapolis, Minn., under Prof. Giddings who is one of the best music supervisors in the United States. His book on methods is used in several of our state normals. Last year she taught music and art in the Kirksville public schools. I predict for her a marked success.